SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, fifty-six famous Americans, the same number as signed the Declaration of Independence, have formed a "Committee to Proclaim Liberty" to reaffirm the spiritual foundation for our freedom by re-emphasizing freedom under God by fitting religious observances of the 4th of July, and

WHEREAS, in 1776 John Adams declared, "It ought to be commemorated as a day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty", and

WHEREAS, the keynote of Independence Day was sounded in the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence, in these immortal words;

> "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim a "Freedom Under God" observance of June 30 to July 6, 1951 as

INDEPENDENCE WEEK

to emphasize the sacred and spiritual foundations of our freedom with a ringing of church bells at noon on July 4th, preaching of sermons on Independence Sabbath with a general theme of "Freedom Under God" and other appropriate spiritual observances of our nation's 175th Independence Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 25th day of June, 1951.

SIGNED ANDERSON
Governor

ATTEST:

GERALDINE OSTROUT
Secretary of State

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